

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2453–2469; 2 private bills, H.R. 2470–2471; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 227 and 229, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–240, Part III); and

H. Res. 228, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–248).

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Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Speaker appointed the following members to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Representative Houghton, Chairman, appointed on March 13, 1997: Representatives Bereuter, Goss, Stearns, Manzullo, English of Pennsylvania, Sanford, Hamilton, Oberstar, Peterson of Minnesota, Danner, and Hastings of Florida.

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Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on September 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10.

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Agreed to:

The Hyde amendment that updates current law and prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions in managed care contracts and clarifies the exception for life threatening conditions (agreed to by a recorded vote of 270 ayes to 150 noes, Roll No. 388); and

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The Hastert amendment that prohibits funding for any program of distributing needles for the injection of any illegal drug (agreed to by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 158 noes, Roll No. 391); and

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The Hoyer amendment that increases CDC funding by \$7 million for research on pfiesteria that is infecting fish in the eastern United States and reduces Department of Labor, State Unemployment In-

surance and Employment Service Operations funding accordingly.

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Rejected:

The Hefley amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting by \$50 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 389);

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The Crane amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (rejected by a recorded vote of 78 ayes to 345 noes, Roll No. 390); and

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The Hostettler amendment that sought to adjust the employer business activity threshold applicable to jurisdiction of labor disputes by the National Labor Relations Board (rejected by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 392).

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Withdrawn:

The Emerson amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding to implement any voluntary residency reduction plan that would result in a reduction of residents in primary care who would be available to practice in underserved rural areas;

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The Romero-Barcelo amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase allotments to territories under the State Children's Health Insurance Program; and

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The Fattah amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding to any state or education agency that has a variation of per pupil expenditure between school districts that is greater than 10 percent.

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Rejected the Miller of California motion to rise by a yea-and-nay vote of 39 ayes to 362 noes, Roll No. 387.

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The bill is being considered pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 31.

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Condolences on the Death of Mother Teresa: The House agreed to H. Res. 227, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of September 15.

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Meeting Hour—September 15: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, September 15.

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Meeting Hour—September 16: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, September 15, it

adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, for morning-hour debate. **Page H7247**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 17.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7201.

Referral: S. 1161, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7264.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7222, H7231, H7232, H7232–33, H7233, and H7245–46.

There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OF FOOD BANKS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review food banks and the participation of the private sector in the delivery of food assistance. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baker and Cooksey; Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Met but took no action on pending legislation.

Adjourned subject to call.

OSHA'S REINVENTION PROJECT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing to examine OSHA's Reinvention Project. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RURAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources continued oversight hearings on the Need for Better Focus in the Rural Health Clinic Program (RHC) Part II. Testimony was heard from Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Service Quality and Public Health, GAO; Claude

Earl Fox, Acting Administrator, Health Resource Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Committee favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 217, recognizing the important contributions made by Americans of Austrian heritage; H. Con. Res. 139, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States Government should fully participate in EXPO 2000 in the year 2000, in Hanover, Germany, and should encourage the academic community and the private sector in the United States to support this worthwhile undertaking; and H. Con. Res. 137, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the urgent need for an international criminal tribunal to try members of the Iraqi regime for crimes against humanity.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 872, amended, Biomaterials Access Assurance Act of 1997; and H.R. 2440, to make technical corrections to Section 10 of title 9, United States Code.

ELECTRONIC THEFT ACT; ELECTRIC COPYRIGHT PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2265, No Electronic Theft (NET) Act, and also on electronic copyright piracy. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office of the United States, Library of Congress; Kevin Di Gregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General (Criminal Division), Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

CELLULAR TELEPHONE FRAUD

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on cellular telephone fraud. Testimony was heard from Michael C. Stenger, Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Department of Justice: John Navarrete, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI; and Anthony R. Bocchichio, Assistant Administrator, Operational Support Division, DEA; and public witnesses.

OCEAN SENSE OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION; NATION'S FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full